

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting
Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 8:00 pm
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1. Indian Point – movie screening and activism
2. Food Waste Updates
3. Leaf Blower Ban
4. Updates
 - a. Energy Working Group
 - b. Textile Recycling
 - c. Carbon Tax Resolution
 - d. Tree Grant and outreach efforts
 - e. CEC Grant
 - f. Route 9 Corridor
5. Announcements and New Business

Present: Sharon Kivowitz, Chair; Jean Hamerman, Haven Colgate, Ron Cascone, Coco Zordan, Leslie Barbagallo (Energy Working Group), Barbara Dormont (Waste Subcommittee), Francis O'Shea (Sustainable Westchester). Notes taken by Haven Colgate.

Indian Point program, produced by Hastings Indivisible Environment folks and Peter Wolfe. CC is willing to co-sponsor and will help promote. Scheduled tentatively at the community center April 29th. Francis will ask Sustainable Hastings if they will co-sponsor/promote.

Speakers from Pace Riverkeepers and Clearwater
Program to cover:

Period between now and 2021: maintenance plan for 2000 metric tons of nuclear waste; sufficiency of funds for proper and total remediation

We approved the following **Energy Working Group (EWG) proposals**.

1. A resolution related to Sustainable Westchester's Clean Transportation project (below). It is a non-binding agreement for the purchase of electric vehicles and landscaping equipment and, similar to the Solarize Program, it is a group discount purchase program. The language was

excerpted from a resolution adopted by the Village of Tarrytown. We are asking the Conservation Commission to vote on this resolution for presentation to the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, as a member of Sustainable Westchester, wishes to support the Clean Transportation Project initiative to secure aggregation discounts for (1) the more than forty models of electric vehicles (EVs) and Plug-in Hybrid vehicles on the market today (including buses and trucks) and (2) electric landscaping equipment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson does hereby authorize and direct the Village Manager to execute an agreement, to the satisfaction of the Village Attorney, between the Village and Sustainable Westchester to allow the following: 1) Work with other member municipalities to issue Invitations to Bid and Requests for Proposals for various types of EVs for municipal fleets; 2) Aggregate municipal purchases to gain discounts on fleet EVs, EV charging stations and electric landscaping equipment; and 3) Leverage the Municipal EV fleet purchases to get local auto dealers to participate in the creation of EV Community Aggregation Discounts for constituents.

And then the following:

2. The EWG recommends to the Conservation Commission that Hastings on Hudson take action to determine the cost and feasibility of installing EV charging stations with the goals of:

- Encouraging electric vehicle ownership and the attendant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Bringing people looking to charge their EV cars in to frequent Hastings businesses.
- Continuing to promote a good image of Hastings as a green community, attracting incoming residents and potentially businesses.
- Continuing to advance our green energy profile, potentially paving the way for additional state grants related to sustainability.

The Village Manager or his designee should be directed to contact a contractor who has been sourced through a state competitive bid, such as NYPA, to provide the Village with a non-binding proposal to install an EV charging station at the train station or other publicly available site in the Village. In order for the Village to be eligible for an 80% incentive provided by NY State, the proposal must be completed prior to May 31, 2018 and other conditions in the checklist attached must be satisfied. (The proposal does not have to be executed). The expected cost to the Village net of the incentive is in the

range of \$2,000-\$7,000. Paul Harris of the EWG would participate in the meeting with the contractor. An approved contractor is EV Connect. There would be no charge to obtain the proposal. The EWG/CC should verify if any BOT action is required so that we are compliant by May 31, 2018.

Local municipalities that have installed EV stations include Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown, Tuckahoe, Beacon, Chappaqua, and Huntington. We will address the issue of whether to charge a fee for the use of the charging station at the next meeting.

	Clean Vehicle Infrastructure Criterion	
Eligibility Criteria	Facility conforms to the description of eligible clean vehicle infrastructure outlined in the Request for Applications	Pass/Fail
	Site is municipally owned, or applicant has certified that a climate change mitigation easement per ECL §54-1513 will be executed with the property owner	
	Site is publicly accessible and applicant demonstrates that the primary purpose of the facility is public charging and/or fueling of clean vehicles	
	Partner agreements (if applicable) are documented	
	Match of at least 20% (on the rebate grant amount) has been identified and is available	
	Facility usage and emissions reduction data monitoring and reporting plan prepared	
If eligible, then...	Criterion	Points Available
Technical Criteria	Location has been identified as part of a municipal strategy to increase clean vehicle use or reduce greenhouse gas emissions locally or regionally	60
	Location is close to popular destinations, including but not limited to places of employment, downtowns, or transportation hubs	30
	Site characteristics promote ease of installation and operation	30
	Permits and approvals have been secured	20
	Facility uses renewable energy	20
	Applicant has a long-term operations and maintenance plan for facility, including the cost structure for charging (if applicable)	15
	Facility could be expanded or renovated to add more charging facilities, additional fuel types, or faster charging in the future	15
	Facility could be converted to cleaner fuel or electricity source in the future (e.g., electrolysis for hydrogen production)	15
	Applicant is providing more than 20% match	10

	Applicant has developed a marketing plan to promote use of the facility	10
	Applicant can demonstrate public interest in and support for the project	10
	Applicant is a registered or Certified Climate Smart Community	10
	Total available points is 245	
	Minimum Additional Points Needed (any combination of the above)	70

Department of Environmental Conservation Oversight

The Department of Environmental Conservation reserves the right to:

☐ Award additional and available funding for scored and ranked projects consistent with this grant opportunity.

Waste

Food

Farmer's Market kickoff for compost drop April 7th.

You'll be able to buy the bin for food scraps, buy the bin for backyard composting, bring food scraps to drop off.

Get Peter to send a notice in mayoral message week before market. Get it on his radar now.

Check with Pascale on bin sale plans and siting bins at meeting Thursday. Update Mike. Poster needs; signage.

Textile bins installing next week. Add to Peter's email.

Need: Communications plan.

Reusable bags. Jean and Coco have presented many options for Foodtown to employ for signage. Foodtown not biting. Discussion of amendment to ban requiring FT charge a fee per bag.

Leaf Blowers.

Problems with enforcement seem to have no solutions. Letters could be sent to homeowners; cd the village make them liable. Have a conversation with Linda Whitehead, Village Attorney. Frances suggests talking with Ann Altman in Irvington, leaf blower activist. Need a sample letter to residents and recommendation to BoT before season ban begins May 15.

Other ideas:

Adopt educational campaign for contractors following Irvington's lead

Get parking enforcement involved in issuing summonses

Amend law to make proof standard less stringent so that residents can send in binding

complaints

Haven will talk to Dan Lemons in advance of next meeting and draft a letter.

Reusable containers. Design a decal for stores saying “we fill water bottles; bring your own coffee mug.” Ban plastic straws.

Solarize Our Congregation. April 9th event. Anyone who belongs to a Presbyterian congregation (or a friend of one) can join the program. You can find it on Facebook.